STATEMENT-II

Statement referred to in reply to part(d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 7143 for 13.9.1991.

d) Training centres run by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) are pe. ıtatic in nature and while their total number is not proposed to be increased, they are shifted from one place to another when training needs of the area are fulfilled or response of the trainees diminishes. Nevertheless, the following training centres are proposed to be opened in Uttar Pradesh particularly in rural and hilly areas during the current year. One Carpet service Centre has already been set up at Dehradun alongwith training centres as a step towards extending the departmental carpet weaving scheme to the Garhwal hill region of Uttar Pradesh. The Carpet Service Centre of Bareilly will continue to implement the scheme in the Kumaon hills region.

As per requirement and according to the availability of suitable applicants for conducting the Apprenticeship Training Schemes under grants from the Office of the Development Commissioner (handicrafts), such training schemes on the guru-shishya parampara will continue to be approved in Uttar Pradesh from time to time including the rural and hill regions of the state. Two Apprenticeship Training Schemes are likely to be started at Uttar Kashi and Pauri Garhwal to impart training to about 20 persons in papri Wood Craft and another Apprenticeship Training Scheme will also be operational at Almora to train 10 persons in Copper Metal Artware.8.

Publicly Guaranteed Foreign Debt.

7144. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the publicly guaranteed foreign debt of India as on June 30, 1991;

(b) the percentage of commercial borrowing or no-concessional debt as part of the Public guaranteed foreign debt during the last three years, years-wise;

(c) the average rate of interest paid for such commercial borrowings year-wise; and

(d) the total debt to be discharged in this category with interest amount, as on June 3, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The position of India's medium and long term external debt according to latest available estimates namely as on 31st march, 1991 is as under:

		Rs. crores
(i)	Government account	66044
(ii)	IMF	4389
(iii)	Non-Government	2346
(iv)	Commercial Borrowings	26706
	Total	99485

(i) and (ii). Are borrowings by the Government itself.So the question of guarantee does not arise. No-Government account borrowings (i.e. borrowings from multilateral or bilateral sources by non-Government institutions) are generally required to be guaranteed. For commercial borrowings which comprise loans, bonds and exports credits, the share of government guaranteed debt outstanding was estimated to be Rs. 18724 crores. Adding this to the figure of non-Government account borrowing, Government guaranteed debt can be arrived at as Rs, 21070 crores an on 31.3.1991 at current prices.

(b) and (c). The percentage of Government guaranteed commercial borrowings to total government guaranteed foreign debt based on above clarification and the average rate of interest paid on such borrowings during the last years is as under:

Financial Year	percentage Share	Average Interest(%)
1988-89	91.3	7.7
1989-90	90.7	8.3
1990-91	88.9.	8.1

(d) The total Government guaranteed commercial borrowings outstanding as on 31st march, 1991 is estimated to be Rs. 18724 crores. The estimated interest payable during the financial year 1991-92 (Using average March, 1991 exchange rates) is Rs. 1392 crores.

The figures for the fist quarter of the current financial year are not available.

Rajiv Gandhi Foundation

7145. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN :Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation was constituted by a resolution or notification by the Union Government;

(b) if not, the names of promoters/trustees/ office bearers of the Foundation;

(c) whether it is a registered trust or society and if so, the date and place of its registration and where its office is situated;

(d) the aims and objects and proposed activities as incorporated in the trust deed or constitution or Memorandum of Association;

(e) if a private trust, the main corpus of the trust collected or donated and donated by whom and rules for disbursement of funds, if any, formulated;

(f) whether the government have exempted the grants and donations to this Foundation from income-tax and other taxes, other concessions given to the foundation;

(g) whether the Foundation had approached the /Government for grants or help; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)The trustees of the Foundation are:

Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma